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BETHLEHEM

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CENTRAL MORAVIAN CHURCH (Moravian Seminary, Church) (PA-1147)

STRUCTURE

white Pine

THE #4

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406 Main St., NE corner of Main and W.Church Sts. Stuccoed brick, H-shaped, nine by six bays, two-and-a-half stories with raised basement (end pavilions) and one story(center section), gable roof, central open belfry (dome supported by eight columns and topped by a weathervane finial) on louvered octagonal platform with clock and clapboarded rec-

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tangular platform with balustrade, entrances on S elevation in pavilions are raised to nave level by double staircase with elaborate iron railing, five large arched windows on center section of S elevation, Federal details; roof trusses supported by exterior walls to allow uninterrupted nave space. Built 1803-06 for the Moravian community by John Cunis, designer. When constructed it was probably the largest church in Pennsylvania. 9 ext. photos (1935, 1937, 1969). NR (located in Bethlehem Historic District).

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